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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/540,977	GILJUM ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
Adam M. Queler	2178	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 7,9,10,13,15,16,19 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7,9,10,13,15,16,19 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Amendment filed 06/27/2005.
2. Claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19-20 are pending in the case. Claims 7 and 13 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 19-20 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Salas et al. (US006233600B1, filed 7/15/1997), and further in view of Goedken (US 20020133494A1, filed 5/21/2002).**

Regarding independent claim(s) 7 and 13, Salas teaches storing content items in a database, as well as folder, or eRooms, (col. 3, ll. 35-37), and permissions (col. 3, ll. 57-60). Salas teaches that the database stores information about the objects being in an eRoom (col. 3, ll. 49-51), thereby establishing a mapping between the item and the folder. Salas teaches that permission applies to an eRoom and the objects in it are bound by the same permissions (col. 14, ll. 46-50). Therefore, the permission associated with the room applies to the item in the folder. Salas teaches determining if a user has a right to access an object (col. 13, ll. 38-39). The access right for the object is determined by the folder (col. 14, ll. 46-50), and when it is granted, inherently, the folder mapping, and attribute value must have been determined. Salas teaches responding to the request based on the value (col. 13, ll. 38-39).

Salas does not explicitly disclose the visibility of items prior to owner approval.

Goedken discloses a database system where additions to the system are not visible until approved by an administrator (para. 74). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add the administrator review function of the database system of Goedken, to the database system of Salas, thereby making the content item not visible until the item is approved by the administrator, in this case, the owner of the folder. This would have been desirable in order to prevent malicious users from vandalizing the database (para. 74, ll. 1-8).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 9 and 15, Salas teaches the operation is to create an item (col. 13, ll. 27-30).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 10 and 16, Salas teaches owners assigning users permissions (col. 14, ll. 44-46).

Regarding dependent claim(s) 19 and 20, Salas teaches a specific permission that allows an owner to create a folder (col. 3, ll. 57-61). Salas teaches a style of the folder (col. 7, ll. 8-10). Inherently, this style is created with the room. Therefore, the permission allows the owner to create a style associated with the room.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 06/27/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant alleges that Goedken does not disclose folders. However, the Office's rejection does not rely Goedken for this feature. The teachings of Goedken are taken in combination with the folders from Salas, as described in the rejection. One cannot show

nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

Applicant alleges that the combination would change a fundamental principle of operation of Salas, namely that the principle that users may freely work together. However, Salas clearly embraces the idea of access controls in the invention, thereby acknowledging the necessity of some type of security in the system, and at least showing that like security measures are not anathema to idea of the invention. This is shown at least in: Col. 3, ll. 49-62; col. 5, ll. 38-52; col. 13, ll. 26-37; and col. 14, ll. 30-55.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam M. Queler whose telephone number is (571) 272-4140. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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